

Old Aberdeen Community Council

7.30 pm on Tuesday 16th June via Webex

Minutes (final)

1. Present and apologies
 - Present: Dewi Morgan (chair), Trevor Stack (minutes), Gordon Mutch, Isobel Aitken, Eric Kiltie, Daniel Warren, Alan Wight (UoA), Louise Henrard (AUSA), Ben Hendry (P&J), Daniel Boal (P&J), Steven Berry (resident)
Cllrs. Alex McLellan, Sandra Macdonald and Michael Hutchison
 - Apologies: David Craik, Teresa Harwood, Karen Finch
2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising: approved with no matters arising
3. Police update: sent prior to meeting – it was commented that shoplifting appears to have increased during this Covid-19 lockdown
4. UoA update
 - Clarification regarding recently removed trees: AW clarified that UoA always provides ACC with information on removed trees – he is unsure why this was not available on the planning portal. EK notes that ACC should have published this on their portal. AW has forwarded information to EK and DM including information about what trees are being planted in their stead. EK proposes to check with ACC why information input by UoA does not seem to match with equivalent planning applications
 - Johnstone Hall redevelopment planning is progressing. A few more trees will need to be removed beyond than the two originally identified.
 - Kings Quadrangle redevelopment plans are yet to go to University Court at end of June – OACC agrees to extraordinary meeting in July, provisionally 7.30 pm on Tues 14th (or 7th) for UoA to present plans.
 - Science Hub construction is due to begin again next week.
5. AUSA reps update (LH)
 - AUSA has continued food parcel scheme, and considering how to make it sustainable
 - Scottish Government passed new legislation to allow students to end tenancy at 7 days notice, but some landlords are refusing to provide any refund as the legislation apparently omitted to cover this aspect.
6. Seaton Park update
 - DM reported there have been some severe littering issues in the park recently. Users will be glad to hear that the takeaway in the park; 'One Eyed Jack', has now reopened.
7. Planning issues
 - New application to revert 2 flats in Orchard Place back into a single house – no comments proposed and application supported in principle
 - Planning application for 10 Chanonry still pending with many additional drawings added after the closing date for public comment. However, the new documents deal mostly with internal changes and materials.

8. "Community Vision for Old Aberdeen" - progress update including
 - UoA media services department continues to work on developing the wayfinder map
 - "Visit Old Aberdeen" website is mostly developed but is now available to public at 'www.visitoldaberdeen.org.uk'.

11. Other local issues
 - Proposed Local Development Plan – DM intends to respond to the proposal to include HMO overprovision guidance.

12. City Councillors' update:
 - Roads laid to granite setts: Cllr. Ross Grant reports that report on road condition throughout Aberdeen is nearly complete but presently at a stand-still due to the Covid-19. He forwarded to DM a draft ACC document; 'Procedure for the permanent Repair of Sett and Modular Block Roads'
 - Repair of Town House clock (miss-striking and light out): AM reports that money has been agreed from Common Good Fund, though budgets may be changed due to crisis.
 - College Bounds bus gate camera control – funds were agreed at meeting in May. Time-scale not yet known.
 - DW reports ongoing issues with car parking in lane by King's Crescent – MH will look into this.

13. Treasurer's report
 - Annual accounts for 2019 are now approved.
 - ER has been asked to leave chequebook etc. with GM or DM prior to vacation

14. Date for next meeting: 7.30 pm on 18th August via Webex

15. Any representations from members of the public and AOB?
 - None